

## **Local landholders instrumental in keeping Serrated Tussock contained**

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Landholders to the west of Meredith and Elaine have a crucial role to play in helping to prevent the spread of serrated tussock across the landscape.

The area between Meredith, Elaine and the Leigh River is the focus of a Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party (VSTWP) education and awareness program.

The program works to empower landholders and encourage community-led action for the management of serrated tussock. Serrated tussock plants in this area are presently in low numbers and landholders make a significant impact in preventing its spread.

The VSTWP, in partnership with community groups, local government and the Department of Environment and Primary Industries, is working with communities to raise awareness of serrated tussock and promote best practice management.

Serrated tussock is one of the most serious invasive plants in Victoria and is a Weed of National Significance. If left untreated, serrated tussock rapidly replaces native grasses and causes greater reductions in agricultural carrying capacity than any other plant established in Australia.

The long term management of serrated tussock is best achieved through a community-led approach, applying integrated weed control measures, grazing management regimes and preventing seed movement via stock and vehicles.

To find out more about the program and how to identify and control serrated tussock please contact VSTWP Extension Officer Roger MacRaild on 0459 622 588 or visit [www.serratedtussock.com](http://www.serratedtussock.com)



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Figure 1 Serrated Tussock on the Leigh River south of Meredith